Engagement of foreign Technicians by PFPL

4764. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have acceded to the request from Pepsi Foods Private Limited (PFPL) for the engagement of foreign technicians and for payment of the remittance fee to the foreign machinery suppliers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government did not accede to the request of the company for the reason that the company in its Capital Goods application indicated that the import of capital goods does not involve any payment of erection charges in foreign currency.

[*Translation*]

Independent Statutory Status to CBI

4765. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to grant independent statutory status to central Bureau of Investigation by enacting a legislation in this regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No decision has been taken by Government to grant independent statutory status to Central Bureau of Investigation by enacting a legislation.

Akashwani Correspondent for Benipatti

4766. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is not even a single correspondent of Akashwani at the zonal headquarter of Benipatti of Madhubani district situated at India-Nepal border; and

(b) if so, the time by which an Akashwani correspondent will be appointed at benipatti keeping in view the importance of the border?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). All India Radio has regular correspondents at the State and Union Territory Capitals, as well as at some very important news centres. All India Radio also has Part-time Correspondents at a large number of district headquarter towns. There is no regular part-time correspondent at Benipatti. However, Benipatti is now being covered by the All India Radio's part-time correspondent at Madhubani.

[*English*]

Committee for Khadi Gramodyog Industry

4767. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high power committee